

Dear CT State Legislators/Planning and Development Committee;

I live in West Hartford and am a neighbor and customer of MDC.

I am amazed that a seemingly unregulated process has allowed a singular town council (Bloomfield) and a Non-For Profit Quasi Corporation (MDC ) to negotiate the sale of our community's critical natural resource (water) to a private California Corporation (Niagara).

To be very clear I am pro-business and rail against our State's burdensome Tax load. I welcome the effort to attract business to our state, create jobs and expand the tax base.

While I agree our natural environment needs to be protected (I fish the Farmington River and Mountain Bike on MDC property) . I am not a 'tree hugger'.

I understand the need for water usage in manufacturing of various types.

However, the fact that Niagara was offered a substantially discounted water AND sewer rate does not sit well with me as well as my friends, neighbors and colleagues. I believe the MDC engineers when they state there is enough water to handle providing 1.8 million gallons of water per day to any industrial effort.

I do not understand how the right to that level of water supersedes our resident needs in time of drought.

I am 100% against a closed door process that resulted in the sale of our natural resource at a discount as well as the use (sewage) of our infrastructure.

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